

# **LOCAL CORRECTIONAL RESOURCES**

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

Researchers have amassed considerable evidence as to the prevalence of drug use among the offender population. A survey of state prison inmates found that 79 percent of the inmate population reported ever using drugs with 62 percent reporting that they had used drugs regularly. A majority (50 percent) of the inmates in the survey also indicated that they had used drugs in the month before the offense and 31 percent of the sample indicated that they were using drugs at the time of the offense. Drug use is also prevalent among the arrestee population. In 2000, on average, 65 percent of individuals that participated in the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) program tested positive for cocaine, marijuana, opiates, methamphetamine, or PCP. On average, 34 percent or more of arrestees said they had used illegal drugs heavily during the past year. Substance abuse is not limited to the adult offender population, as surveys have shown that nearly two-thirds of juvenile detainees abuse drugs.

The connection between substance abuse and crime has been well documented. In a survey of individuals incarcerated in state and federal correctional institutions, researchers found that 19 percent of State prisoners and 16 percent of Federal inmates stated that they committed the offense for which they were incarcerated in order to obtain money for drugs. Over one-third of jail inmates stated that at the time of their offense, they were under the influence of drugs

Despite the gravity of the substance abuse problem, few offenders receive any substance abuse treatment. Research from the ADAM program has shown that less than ten percent of the arrestees who had used drugs in the year before they were interviewed participated in any form of substance abuse treatment.

The intent of this program area is to allow local communities to implement programs that provide substance abuse treatment and other services. The criminal justice system is an ideal setting to deal directly and effectively with adult and juvenile offenders who have substance abuse problems.

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Projects in this program area will address locally identified corrections problems and needs with an emphasis on dealing with problems associated with offenders with substance abuse problems. Programs will conduct offender assessment, drug testing, and will ensure on-going compliance.

The focus of this program area is improving local correctional services by providing needed resources and providing needed treatment services for juveniles and adults with substance abuse problems. Substantive progress should be identified and documented by the project, so as to determine the outcome of project activities. For example, treatment components must address the effectiveness of treatment services by successful completion as well as rates of recidivism and relapse for intervals following completion of the program. Other components must show similar impact on local problems.

Key elements for a successful proposal under this program area include early identification screening, developing a comprehensive plan to assess offender treatment needs, to make appropriate referrals, to monitor compliance, and to evaluate treatment services provided. The outcomes of the project should be measured in relationship to recidivism and substance abuse relapse. Grant recipients will be required to conduct evaluations of programmatic success at predefined intervals following completion; recipients will also be required to obtain data on other positive life changes that demonstrate goal attainment.

## **GOALS, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>To improve local correctional resources to resolve locally identified problems in jails and detention centers with an emphasis on offenders with substance abuse problems.</b>
<b>Objective #1</b>	Develop intensive supervision probation and other programs to provide accountability and oversight of adult and juvenile offenders with substance abuse problems.
<b>Activities</b>	Offender assessment, drug testing, sanctions/incentives for non-compliance/compliance with program requirements, case management, referrals and other activities related to the specific program design.
<b>Performance Measures</b>	Measures include, but are not limited to: number of enrolled offenders, number of offenders assessed, number of offenders who successfully complete the program, the rates of recidivism and relapse at specified intervals following completion, and other measures of outcome and impact. Performance measures should be directly related to program objectives and may address positive changes in the offender's life that are likely to reduce drug use and crime.

**Goal #2** **To reduce substance abuse among juvenile and adult offenders.**

**Objective #1** Provide access by juvenile and adult offenders to programs that appropriately treat their substance abuse problems and other needs identified by a comprehensive assessment.

**Activities** Specific activities will depend upon local needs and the program design. Offenders will be assessed and referrals made to appropriate service providers in the community. Projects may pay for and provide direct services. Case management activities will ensure compliance and offender progress in attaining treatment plan goals.

**Performance Measures**

The number of eligible offenders enrolled in the program.

The percentage of program participants who successfully complete the program.

Evaluation treatment services utilized so as to determine appropriateness of assessment referral and delivery of treatment services.

The percentage of successful program graduates who are drug free six and twelve months after completion.

**Objective #2** Implement drug testing with graduated sanctions to assure accountability in participating offenders.

**Activities** Projects will establish drug testing policies and procedures to detect drug use by enrolled offenders. Each program will determine the specific frequency, the particular tests to be administered and the drugs subject to testing. A policy of graduated sanctions will be developed and imposed as a consequence of a positive drug test, failure to show for a drug test, or other program violation.

**Performance Measures**

Number of offenders tested

Percentage of positive tests

Number and type of sanctions imposed

## **BJA REPORTING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION METHODS**

All projects funded through this program must:

- Report on number of offenders enrolled.
- Report on the percentage of offenders successfully completing the program.
- Report on the percentage of successful graduates who are drug and crime free at six and twelve months following completion of the program.